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Robin Somers appointed new President and CEO

By Jackie Mintz



Robin Somers

Following weeks of anticipation, the Board of Trustees announced after its February meeting that it has chosen Robin Somers to be Broadmead's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President.

Robin was appointed as a result of an internal search. As Rob White, chair of the Board, said, "We saw no need to conduct an external search given the high quality of an internal candidate. The Board has been impressed by Robin's record as Chief Operating Officer (COO) and her familiarity with all aspects of Broadmead life. More recently, the Board has been especially impressed by her performance as acting CEO. Robin has a clear vision for Broadmead's future, and given her history and experience here, the transition should be as smooth as it could conceivably be."

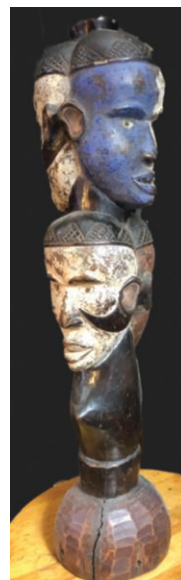
The appointment will please residents and staff alike. As COO for the past four-plus years, Robin has shown herself to be efficient and effective, as well as always ready to listen to residents. She oversaw the operating side of Broadmead and was responsible for healthcare services (Hallowell and Taylor), the outpatient department, environmental services (including housekeeping, landscaping, maintenance, and buildings and grounds), social work, dining services, and the Center for Wellness.

Robin came to Broadmead in early 2016 from the Fairhaven retirement community in Sykesville, MD where she was Senior Executive Director.

Special African art collection will be on exhibit

Text and photos by Jackie Mintz

Coming to Broadmead in early March is a wide-ranging exhibit of art from Central and West Africa. Drawn from a private collection in Baltimore, the objects range from large, ornately carved door panels and masks to beaded tunics. The exhibit includes masks and statues from Mali, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Republic of the Congo, and Zambia.



Also featured in the exhibit are two big bronze masks from the celebrated Benin Bronzes of the fabled Kingdom of Benin. Many of these were looted in 1897, but recent efforts to return them are bearing fruit, as described in recent articles in the *New York Times*.

An unusual feature is the pairing of a wood sculpture of a female Chiwara, an African antelope deity, with an oil painting of that sculpture by renowned artist Raoul Middleman.

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Resident Quilt Display

**Mary Ellen
Saterlie**

Detail



**Ellie
Hofstetter**

below. "Look carefully and you will see that the books are made from the selvages of fabric."

**Carole
Glowacki**



Bonnie Griffith All three quilts were pieced and handquilted for Bonnie's granddaughter Mary. The large heart quilt was her baby quilt. The small heart quilt [not shown here] was for her doll and the tulip quilt was for her bed.

Elsa Collins Elsa's version of Baltimore Applique quilts, with traditional colors of green and turkey red. This quilt was made using fabric at hand, with the pinks and reds evoking Broadmead's spring flowers.

There will be a spring 2020 Barn Sale!

By Lucy Wright

The spring 2020 Barn Sale will be held on May 7, 8, and 9. More information will be forthcoming in the April and May issues of the Voice. Not only is the Barn Sale a fundraiser for Residents Association activities, but it also is an opportunity to foster a sense of community among Broadmead residents. Throughout the year, Barn Sale teams work together readying items for the sale, sorting, and pricing. Meeting new friends and discovering common interests and connections happen often. Barn Sale department chairs are requesting volunteers to help during the year and also on the days of the sale. They will welcome you onto their teams and give you support to enjoy and feel comfortable with the tasks you choose. Please contact Lucy Wright (W-8) for more information on her Broadmead landline at 443-578-8447, on her cell phone at 443-255-0767, or by email at wright.lucy@gmail.com.

“Unsung heroes” move furniture for the Barn Sale

By Marilyn Rothstein, photo by Kathleen Truelove



Duffy Mathias

humidifiers, rollators, and more that work

Residents tell stories about how they found the perfect piece of furniture for next to nothing without having to leave campus. How many of us have made purchases at the Barn Sale of kitchen appliances, lamps,

like new at a very modest price? In addition, donating to the Barn Sale finds a new home for items people no longer need or have room for.

“The mission of the Barn Sale,” resident George (Duffy) Mathias explained, “is to provide income for the Broadmead Residents Association (BRA) through accepting and selling furniture and appliances, among many other items, to current and incoming residents and neighbors.”

The furniture sale could not be done without the hard work of “a few good men” to get the job done. When it comes to moving heavy items and fixing appliances, rollators, wheelchairs, and so on, Duffy calls for help. John Mays is often his first call, because John is that most appreciated neighbor who has a pickup truck. Jack Griffith and Roger Karsk are also ready to volunteer for what is often exhausting work hauling furniture around. Bruce Russell repairs appliances and helps sell furniture when Duffy is not available. Finally, Stan Wilson and Joe Nietubicz assist in transporting items to other organizations.

What can residents do to help these “unsung heroes”? You can use the sheet in the lower level storage area to sign up for items you need, and you will be notified when they come in. Because the BRA is a 501(c)(3) (nonprofit) organization, donations are tax deductible, for which Duffy can provide a form. He also requests that, when furniture is dropped off on the lower level in the Barn Sale storage area, the owner’s name be attached. Please include chargers and all wires for electronic devices.

There is a large quantity of furniture currently crowding the lower level hall. Residents are encouraged to browse and buy at any time. You do not have to wait for the Barn Sale!

This is the first in a series of articles about the many unsung heroes at Broadmead. Who is yours?

Saturday’s Men’s Social
Ralph Cook will be asking the question,
“What are your most valuable books?”
Saturday, March 7
9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Broadmead Welcomes

Gem Bruner, P-6, 443-929-6579,
gmbruner875@gmail.com. January 2020.

Fox hunting with the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club and the Mount Carmel Hounds has been a passion for Gem Martin Bruner. Growing up in Summit, NJ, with parents who refused to let her take riding lessons, she sneaked off to the stables to meet horses on her own. In 1967, she married Don Bruner, and he encouraged her to buy a horse, which she did. In 1984, the Bruners moved from an old brick house they rehabilitated in Freeland, MD, to an old stone house (circa 1800) on 65 acres in Upperco, MD, where Gem lived until she moved to Broadmead. Don, a mechanical/aeronautical engineer, died 16 years ago. They had no children.

Gem graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, with a degree in English and later did graduate work in the same field at the University of Delaware. She taught high school English for 7 years and then worked grooming horses for a racehorse trainer.



Gem Bruner

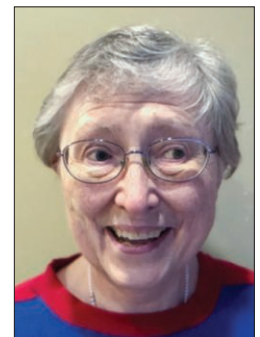
A trip to Africa acquainted Gem with the Rhodesian Ridgeback dog breed, and she and Don got one, named Cecil Rhodesian, with whom she started a pet therapy program at Gilchrist. In 1998, Cecil earned the title of #1 in obedience for Rhodesian Ridgebacks in the country. He lived to be 12, and their second Ridgeback, Tori, died at nearly 14 years old just after the move to Broadmead. Realizing that a smaller dog might be a good idea, Gem acquired Princess Margaret of Upperco, a Westie pup, 3 years ago. In addition to Maggie, Gem enjoys bridge, which has supplanted riding to the hounds, crossword puzzles, and reading.

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Linda Indyke, E-7, 443-578-8331,
lmi3620221@msn.com. January 2020.

A nurse with varied experience in psychiatric nursing, Linda Indyke moved to Maryland in 1980 when she took her first job at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She was born and raised in New Jersey in and around New Brunswick. Her father was a mechanical engineer who worked for a division of Johnson & Johnson, designing the machinery that made nonwoven materials used for Handi Wipes and other items.

Linda graduated from Douglass Residential College, part of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, with a bachelor's degree in history and English. Faced with a glut of social science teachers, Linda went back to school to the Rutgers College of Nursing in Newark for a nursing degree.



Linda Indyke

She then came to Baltimore, which she liked because it reminded her of the nicer parts of Newark. Drawn by psychiatric nursing, Linda moved to Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, where she worked first with adults in long-term care and then with patients with eating disorders. She most enjoyed working with younger patients and for 20 years worked primarily with adolescents and children. In 1994, she was named Sheppard Pratt's Nurse of the Year.

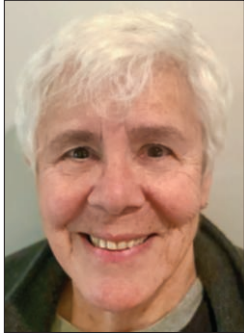
Linda lived in Baltimore City near Charles Village and then moved to Cockeysville, where she lived for 18 years. Linda was an active volunteer for the Special Olympics and St. Vincent's Genesis House. She continues to volunteer at the Baltimore County Humane Society. Her hobbies include computers, which she began exploring in 1994. She also enjoys reading and does needlepoint and embroidery.

Text and photo by Jackie Mintz

Broadmead Welcomes

Karen Willig, Q-4, 443-578-8260, karen.willig@gmail.com. January 2020.

Karen Willig moved to Broadmead from her beloved northern California town mostly because of the urging of her sister, resident Del Sweeney. Her arrival made them the fifth pair of sisters at Broadmead.



Karen Willig

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Karen has spent the last 45 years in a Marin County, CA, seaside town, Bolinas. The town shunned publicity to the extent of removing road signs leading to it. Full of artists and writers, Bolinas has two galleries and a museum. Karen says she

found it very difficult to leave, but she hopes to find in Broadmead an equally compelling community.

Her first job was as a receptionist for the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc., in Manhattan, where she met Curt Willig, whom she married in 1969. It was Curt who wanted to move to Bolinas. Karen was not so sure, but Curt promised her they could move back to New York if after 2 years she wanted to do so. Curt, who died in 2014, was a social worker and the founder of Toolworks, a training and employment agency for people with disabilities.

In Bolinas, Karen held a series of jobs, from investigating applicants for Medicaid eligibility to secretary for the Bolinas School District to the county juvenile probation office. She spent much of her time volunteering for Food for Families, which took over a local restaurant on Mondays, where the volunteers cooked and delivered food to local families.

Karen and Curt were devoted to animals and always had dogs and cats. Karen is accompanied to Broadmead by her cat, Toula.

Text and photo by Jackie Mintz

Ways construction will soon affect residents' daily lives

By Kathleen Truelove

According to Broadmead Director of Safety, Capital Planning, and Transportation George Pattee, the kitchen will stay where it is when the dining area for residents moves downstairs, where there will be 110 seats. (Currently the Holly Terrace seats 110 and the Magnolia Room, 40.) After the tables are in place, effort will be made to squeeze in a few more as space allows. It will be imperative that walkers with seats ("rollators") and scooters do not remain in the dining area after their owners are seated.



Staff members or other dining companions can move them to a "parking area" and bring them back at the end of the meal. The Arbor Café, which will be open as usual, allows more room for rollators and scooters to maneuver.

In mid-March, the Center of Excellence for Health and Wellness will open, with the exception of the pool, which will not open until late May. The patio on Stony Run above the new pool will be ready by the time the weather is warm enough to enjoy it. The memory support and assisted living areas are now open.

Expect the perimeter road traffic pattern to change in mid- to late March. Exactly what the changes will be is dependent on a number of factors, still to be decided.



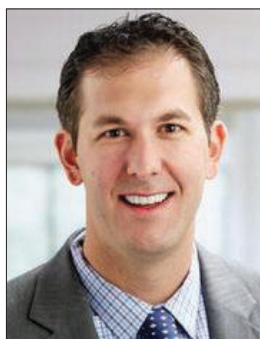
Jack and Bonnie Griffith's view of the pool from R3.

Baltimore County executive speaks at Broadmead

By Ed Hirschmann, photo from The Baltimore Sun

John “Johnny O” Olszewski, Jr., the new Baltimore County executive, spoke before a large Broadmead audience on February 11. He set out his accomplishments, existing programs, and plans for the future.

Much of Olszewski’s remarks focused on education and his plans to improve the county’s schools. A former schoolteacher, he has a particular interest in education. He



John Olszewski, Jr.

reported that the county has preliminary planning funds for new Towson and Dulaney high schools. Next year, he vowed, “Every school building in the county will have air conditioning!” He also said that 70 more classroom teachers and 50 more special education

teachers are needed. If recommendations of the Kirwan Commission report are followed, the county may receive \$350 million or more for schools, he continued.

An Office of Transportation Planning has been established, and a circulator bus will come to Towson by the end of the year. Olszewski was vague when asked about additional gun safety proposals. “I’ll keep our people as safe as I possibly can,” he replied. He supports legislation to ban single-use plastic bags and said the county will act on this issue if legislation at the state level fails.

Looking over a forest of gray heads, the county executive said he wants “an age-friendly county.”

Great Decisions

Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

March 5: *The Philippines and the United States* (Moderator: Kathleen Truelove)

March 12: *Artificial Intelligence and Data* (Moderator: To be determined)

WYPR’s Tom Hall opines on politics

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Tom Hall, host of Midday on Baltimore radio station WYPR, spoke to an audience at Broadmead just prior to the Maryland special primary election on February 4. He gave thumbnail sketches of the major candidates in the large field seeking the 7th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives vacated on the death of Elijah Cummings in October 2019. He also talked a bit about the Baltimore mayoral race, which also has many aspirants.



Tom Hall

Mia Martin settles in

Text and photo by Jackie Mintz

After less than a year at resident Ruth Martin’s home in Cluster L, Mia is comfortably ensconced in her new setting. Mia was rescued



Mia Martin

along with her mother and daughter. Strangely, she was being bullied by the two and so became an obvious candidate for adoption. At just the right time, along came Ruth to the rescue. After Ruth had to let her dogs go because of her hip surgery, she went for several

years without a pet and grew more and more unhappy. When Ellie McGinn and her son Michael suggested a cat, Ruth was more than ready. Arriving in a cat carrier, Mia jumped out and climbed right into Ruth’s lap, signaling to all that this was where she belonged. Mia, who is about 6 years old, spends much of her time on the back of Ruth’s recliner, especially when Ruth is there, but she also chatters and hisses at the stray cats that Ruth feeds on her back porch.

BRA Movies for March 2020

Tuesday Movies by Bob and Elborg Forster
Saturday Movies by Jean Wilson

Tues. Mar. 3 *Mary Queen of Scots*
2018 2h 5m

This beautifully costumed film chronicles the tragic story of Mary Queen of Scots and her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I as they both struggle within a patriarchal society rife with political machinations.

Sat. Mar. 7 *Downton Abbey*
2019 PG 2h 3m

This full length, highly rated movie will thrill fans of the popular long-running TV series. It features a royal visit from the King and Queen of England.

Tues. Mar.10 *Girl with the Pearl Earring*
2003 PG13 1h 39m

This quiet, extraordinary film is about a young girl who works for the Dutch painter Vermeer. She eventually poses for the now famous portrait.

Sat. Mar. 14 *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I am*

2019 PG14 2h
 A documentary film, this legendary African American storyteller examines her life, her works, and the powerful themes she has confronted throughout her literary career.

Tues. Mar.17 *Shadrach*
1998 PG13 1h 30m

When a 99 years old former slave from Alabama shows up at a run-down Virginia farm during the Depression, his request to be buried where he was born begins this profoundly moving yet outrageously funny film.

Let's Sing

A community sing-along welcoming all voices
 Monday, March 16 • 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
"Broadway's Best"

Sat. Mar. 21 *The Firm*
1993 R 2h 34m

A young lawyer (Tom Cruise) joins a prestigious law firm only to discover that most of their clients are involved in mob money-laundering. They even murder partners who threaten to blow their cover.

Tues. Mar. 24 *Mr. Holmes*
2015 PG 1h 43m

Long retired and near the end of his life, Sherlock Holmes (Ian McKellen) grapples with an unreliable memory as he tries his last case.

Sat. Mar. 28 *The Birdcage*
1996 R 1h 59m

A popular drag nightclub in South Miami Beach is the setting for this comedy starring Robin Williams, directed by Mike Nichols, and based on the French farce "La Cage aux Folles".

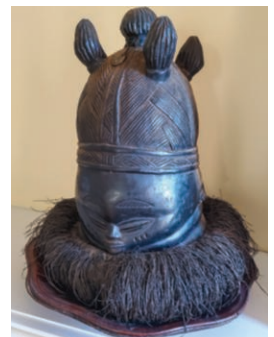
Tues. Mar. 31 *Julie & Julia*
2009 PG13 2h 3m

This true story of how Julia Child (Meryl Streep) conquered French cuisine with passion and fearlessness is intertwined with Julie Powell's challenge to cook all 524 recipes in Child's first book.

Special African art collection will be on exhibit

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To complement the exhibit, a special lecture looking at the artistic and historical context of the objects will be presented by French art historian Dr. Diala Touré on March 7 at 2 p.m. Another related event will take place on March 28, a performance by a griot (a traditional West African storyteller) and a drummer.



Tales of Lutherville railroad station shared with Broadmead men

By Bob Fetter, photos by Erroll Hay and Vernon Wright

Barrett Rudd shared his experience with his late wife Ann buying, restoring, and enjoying the Lutherville railroad station that was their primary residence. During the more than 30 years that they owned the historic facility, the Rudds gave careful attention to both the interior and exterior of the station building, a replacement for an earlier station that burned in 1872. They also refurbished with great care the gardens and grounds around the station.



Barrett Rudd



Barrett Rudd home

Barrett has kept a variety of archival gems he found in the attic of the station building.

The presentation to the Saturday Men's Social Group in February also included a history of Lutherville.

Barrett's talk will be repeated for the entire Broadmead community on Wednesday, March 18, in the Auditorium.

Adventures in Learning

Lutherville Train Station Restoration

Barrett Rudd

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
in the Auditorium

Spices and Colonial Empires

Jerry Kahan

Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.
in the Auditorium

Broadmead Healthcare Committee pleads for rumor control

By Jerry Winkelstein

Idle gossip and rumors about our neighbors' health and medical conditions can cause unintended harm here at Broadmead. We live in a close-knit community that at times has the positive characteristics of an extended family. Spreading rumors of our Broadmead neighbors' medical conditions and events, such as hospitalizations or falls, may create "fake news." We all played the game as children where we whispered a sentence around a circle from one person to the other and, by the time it returned to the originator, it was completely changed. The same distortion of "facts" can occur with the telling of medical news from one person to another. By the time it has been repeated a number of times, it may not bear any resemblance to the original news. In recent weeks and months, a number of rumors have circulated about the health statuses of Broadmead residents that have distorted the situation and caused those affected some concern. We should all try to keep rumors and gossip regarding the health status of our neighbors here at Broadmead to a minimum out of respect for the truth and for our neighbors. If you hear a rumor about a healthcare situation that causes you concern, don't spread it. Ask for clarification from Ann Patterson, Broadmead's Healthcare Administrator.

In Memoriam

Dr. Patricia "Pat" Lackey

May 16, 1935–January 23, 2020

Nancy Warner

June 28, 1929–January 29, 2020

Barbara Koppelman

March 10, 1924–January 31, 2020

Talent acquisition manager acquired by Broadmead

By Penny Partlow, photo from Broadmead, Inc.

Broadmead Human Resources welcomes Jermaine Hancock into the new position of talent acquisition manager. He is charged with recruiting new employees for all departments. A 2005 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, MA, with a major in psychology and sociology, he has worked as human resources director for both FutureCare and ManorCare, Inc.



The welcoming atmosphere of a family-based environment at Broadmead is an important positive component of Jermaine's recruitment approach to new employees. For potential hires, he has

Jermaine Hancock contacts through networking with groups such as local churches, driving schools, and veterans, as well as geriatric nursing assistant training programs. He is responsible for the orientation and training of new employees and has just worked with 10 new employees.

Jermaine is a native of Baltimore who lives in Bel Air with his wife Lauren and their four children who range in age from 2 to 12 years and are the joy of his life.

Metropolitan Opera Bus to Charles Theater

Der Fliegende Holländer

(The Flying Dutchman) by Richard Wagner
Saturday, March 14

Bus leaves Lower Level at noon.
Charge \$15 round trip.

Buy opera tickets online or at the box office.
Sign up behind reception desk; home in time for dinner.

First Monday Book Group

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

Moderator George G. Toole

March 2 *Where the Crawdads Sing*
by Delia Owens

April 6 *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

Trisha Wiggins joins the Broadmead team

Text by Sue Baker, photo by Kathleen Truelove



Trisha Wiggins

Trisha Wiggins, the new executive assistant to Broadmead's chief executive officer, comes to Broadmead from Roland Park Place, where for 12 years she was executive assistant to the president. A certified administrative professional (a credential earned in a 1-year training program), Trisha has previously worked at the Maryland Masonic Homes and for the state of Maryland. Among Trisha's interests are acrylic painting, home decorating, and collecting specimens of sand from all over the world. Her husband Scott is retired from the Air Force and works for the National Security Agency. Daughter Kelly, age 24, is an active member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and works with Drexel University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Daughter April, 22 years, recently graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing and public relations. The family and their two cats live in Stewartstown, PA, 25 miles north of Broadmead. Among Broadmead's many attractions is the fact that it is 15 miles closer to home than Roland Park Place.

Conservation Committee

Monday, March 9
1 p.m. in the Fireplace Room

Spring BRA healthcare lectures are set

By Kathleen Truelove

March 24. Pain will be the subject when Brian Block, M.D., Ph.D., speaks. He is board certified in both anesthesiology and interventional pain management and has a practice in pain management affiliated with the University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Group. He will speak on several topics related to pain and its amelioration.

April 28. Women and heart disease will be the focus of the talk by Erin Michos, M.D., M.H.S. She is a cardiologist and associate professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the associate director of preventive cardiology for the Johns Hopkins Ciccarone Center for the Prevention of Heart Disease. Her research interests focus on general preventive cardiology, cardiovascular health in women, vitamin D, and management of lipid disorders.

May 5. The speaker is Amy Huberman, M.D., a board-certified psychiatrist who will talk about anxiety disorders. She is a member of the Johns Hopkins Psychiatry Department part-time faculty as co-director of the Johns Hopkins Anxiety Clinic and maintains a private practice in Mt. Washington where she specializes in helping adults who are struggling with anxiety.

Cabaret Music & Dancing

Monday, March 9 • 7–8:15 p.m. in the Lounge

Everyone Welcome

Multicultural Committee

The Baltimore Community Choir

Wednesday, March 25

7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Mexican Music and Dance

By the Balles de mi Tierra

Sunday, April 5

2 p.m. in the Auditorium



Broadmead residents go to Annapolis with MaCCRA

By Kathleen Truelove; photo by unknown bystander

On a rainy February day, 12 Broadmead residents braved the elements to trek to Annapolis. Carolyn Adams, Bob Fetter, David Gilbert, Ann Heaton, Michael Kelly, Ethel Landis, Ken and Bonny Lewis, Peggy Tapley, Judy Sweeney, Kathleen Truelove, and Nancy Wait joined residents of other Maryland retirement communities at the House Office Building to hear from legislators. Both of our District 42B delegates, Michele Guyton and Nino Mangione, and our District 42 state senator, Chris West, came to meet and greet and say a few words. Senator West spoke about a bill he is sponsoring to have solar panels put on school roofs during construction. Delegate Guyton supports HB142, to create express lines for handicapped voters.

MaCCRA, the Maryland Continuing Care Residents' Association, is the only organization dedicated solely to protecting and advancing the interests of residents of continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). It supports, empowers, and betters the lives of residents in Maryland's CCRCs through advocacy and education.

Hospitality

**Welcome Reception to
meet new residents**

Thursday, March 26

7 p.m. in the Auditorium

March music events coming to Broadmead

By Denise Love

Wednesday, March 18, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium/Lounge. The Choral Arts Society is returning to Broadmead after a 10-day tour of England. The tour took them to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's 100th anniversary celebration. They also performed at the U.S. Embassy, St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London, and Merton College at Oxford University.

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium/Lounge. Choir director Marco Merrick is returning with the Community Concert Choir of Baltimore. The choir's mission is to preserve the musical heritage of the African American church and to entertain and to educate the public about the beauty and value of that music. Last year their repertoire included spirituals, anthems, hymns, and choral renditions from the Bible. All residents are invited to meet the choir members at a reception on the lower level immediately after the performance.

Sunday, March 29, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium/Lounge. The Ellicott City Trombone Choir will be making its premiere performance at Broadmead. The choir was formed in 2003 and has since performed in concert series throughout the area, most

recently for the Ars Sacra Concert Series at Saints Philip & James Catholic Church in Baltimore. Jim Olin joined as conductor in 2019. They will be performing works by Bach, Gabrielli, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, Grøndahl, and Verdi.

Exhibits continue to enliven the East Hall Gallery

By Libby Champney

Visitors as well as residents were fascinated by the January exhibit organized by Carolyn Murphy and Lynn Jones in the gallery space along the East Hall. At least one visitor became so entranced by some of the items that he spent half an hour taking photographs of pictures contributed by residents from their own walls.

February highlighted quilts made by both past and present residents, including the prolific Carole Glowacki and the group "Quilters by Design."

March will feature the work of Broadmead residents, notably Edie Cleaves, who will show 10 to 12 watercolors. Other residents are encouraged to contribute a work of art to this exhibit.

April brings digital artist Helmut Licht, who is also a well-known musician, and in May the work of Barb Kiwak and her class from the Zoll Studio will be featured.

Religion at Broadmead

Friends Meeting for Worship • Sundays, 11 a.m., Auditorium

Interfaith Vespers • Sunday, March 15, 4:30 p.m., Lounge, Rev. Christa Burns

Bible Study • (sponsored by Govans Presbyterian Church)
Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Fireplace Room

Catholic Mass • (sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church)
Second Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Fireplace Room

Episcopal Communion • (sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church)
First Thurs, 10:30 a.m., Dining Room Flex Space

Conversations in Morals and Ethics • (sponsored by Towson Unitarian Universalist Church)
Second Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Fireplace Room, "Our Buggy Moral Code"

Maryland, My Maryland: Immigrant makes good in Baltimore

An ongoing series by Sidney M. Levy; photo by Craig Fildes

In the summer of 1785, the first Chinese laborers to enter the nascent United States stepped ashore at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland.¹ They were part of a 35-man crew from Captain John O'Donnell's ship, the *Pallas*.



This statue of Capt. O'Donnell in O'Donnell Square, Canton was sculpted by Tylden Streett, a local artist, and erected in 1980.

On board, in addition to the Chinese laborers, was a variety of teas, silks, satins, and other goods from Canton, China. O'Donnell had lived in India for about 16 years, employed by the British East India Company (BEIC). "We are extremely happy," a newspaper exulted, "to find the commercial representation of this town so far increased, as to attract the attention of Gentlemen, who are engaged in carrying on this distinct but beneficial Trade."²

John O'Donnell, born in Limerick, Ireland, initially owned about 11 acres in Baltimore.

His trading partner, the BEIC, would help him to attain great wealth and make Baltimore America's third largest port at that time. He would expand his holding to about 12,000 acres and name the estate "Canton."

O'Donnell married Sarah Chew Elliot, the daughter of a sea captain who lived in Fells Point. O'Donnell invested most of his money in developing Baltimore and effectively became a founding father of the city; hence, his interment was in Westminster Hall's graveyard. Their records, however, show that he was moved to Green Mount Cemetery, but Green Mount's records do not confirm the move, so as of December 2019, no one knows the whereabouts of his final resting place.³

¹*Maryland Gazette or Baltimore General Advertiser*, August 12, 1785.

²*Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*, August 12, 1785. Quoted by: Brunhouse RL. *Lascars in Pennsylvania: a side-light on the China trade*. Philadelphia, PA: Drexel Institute of Technology, 1940.

³Heather McKlveen, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and Westminster Hall.

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